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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated June 19, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Claims

Version with Markings to Show Changes to Claims:

1. (Amended) A cervical brace comprising:
a chest plate adapted to be secured to the thorax of a wearer; and
a chin strut including means for attachment to said chest plate and means for attachment to adapted for extension to a point on a chin support of a cervical collar, said chin support adapted to be disposed adjacent a wearer's chin.
18. (Amended) The brace of claim ~~11~~13, wherein said latch housing comprises one or more extensions and the vest comprises one or more locking slots, whereby said extensions and said locking slots engage said rear strut with said vest.